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Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 - 12th Street, SW - Room TW A306 Washington, DC 20554

Re:

CC Docket No. 96-45

In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Federal High-Cost Support Certification for Rural Carriers in Illinois

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Pursuant to its May 23, 2001 Rural Task Force ("RTF") Order in the above-referenced proceeding, the Commission required states that wish to receive federal universal service high-cost support for rural carriers within their boundaries to file a certification with the Commission and USAC stating that all federal high-cost funds flowing to rural carriers in that state will be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e). The Commission ruled that states should be required to file annual certifications with the Commission to ensure that carriers use universal service support "only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended," consistent with Section 254(e).

This filing comports with the Commission's requirement. It lists the rural carriers operating in Illinois that have certified to the Illinois Commerce Commission that all federal universal service support will be used solely for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

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In order to meet the certification requirement, the ICC asked carriers to sign and return a notarized affidavit attesting to the proper use of the federal universal service support. All carriers signed and returned the affidavits. Below is the list of carriers that returned the affidavits.

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Sincerely.

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Illinois Certified Rural Carriers

LIST OF CERTIFIED RURAL CARRIERS

| ADAMS TELEPHONE CO-OPERATIVE | Study Area 34-0976 |
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| ALHAMBRA-GRANTFORK TELEPHONE CO. | Study Area 34-0978 |
| BERGEN TELEPHONE CO. | Study Area 33-0848 |
| C-R TELEPHONE COMPANY | Study Area 34-1009 |
| CAMBRIDGE TELEPHONE CO. | Study Area 34-0983 |
| CASS TELEPHONE COMPANY | Study Area 34-0984 |
| CELLULAR PROPERTIES, INC. | Study Area 34-9011 |
| CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF ILLINOIS | Study Area 34-1183 |
| CLARKSVILLE MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO. | Study Area 34-0990 |
| CROSSVILLE TELEPHONE CO., INC. | Study Area 34-0993 |
| DIVERSE COMMUNICATIONS | Study Area 34-9004 |
| EGYPTIAN TELEPHONE CO-OPERATIVE ASS'N. | Study Area 34-1003 |
| EL PASO TELEPHONE COMPANY | Study Area 34-1004 |
| FLAT ROCK TELEPHONE CO-OP, INC. | Study Area 34-1012 |
| FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - DEPUE, INC. | Study Area 34-0998 |
| FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF ILLINOIS, INC. | Study Area 34-1038 |
| FRONTIER COMMUNICAITONS OF LAKESIDE, INC. | Study Area 34-1011 |
| FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CAROLINAS, INC. | Study Area 34-1035 |
| FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - MIDLAND, INC. | Study Area 34-1055 |
| FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF MT. PULASKI, INC. | Study Area 34-1061 |
| FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF ORION, INC. | Study Area 34-1067 |
| FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - PRAIRIE, INC. | Study Area 34-1073 |
| FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - SCHUYLER, INC. | Study Area 34-1079 |
| GENESEO TELEPHONE CO. | Study Area 34-1016 |
| GLASFORD TELEPHONE COMPANY | Study Area 34-1017 |
| GRAFTON TELEPHONE COMPANY | Study Area 34-1020 |
| GRANDVIEW MUTUAL TEL. | Study Area 34-1021 |
| GRIDLEY TELEPHONE CO. | Study Area 34-1023 |
| HAMILTON COUNTY TELEPHONE CO-OP | Study Area 34-1024 |
| HARRISONVILLE TEL. CO. | Study Area 34-1026 |
| HENRY COUNTY TELEPHONE CO. | Study Area 34-1029 |
| HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY | Study Area 34-1032 |
| ILLINOIS CONSOLIDATED TELEPHONE COMPANY | Study Area 34-1037 |
| ILLINOIS VALLEY CELLULAR RSA 2-I PARTNERSHIP | Study Area 34-9008 |
| and | Study Area 34-9010 |
| ILLINOIS VALLEY CELLULAR RSA 2-II PARTNERSHIP | Study Area 34-9009 |
| KINSMAN MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO. | Study Area 34-1041 |
| LAHARPE TELEPHONE CO. INC. | Study Area 34-1043 |
| LEAF RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY | Study Area 34-1045 |
| LEONORE MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY | Study Area 34-1046 |
| MADISON TELEPHONE COMPANY | Study Area 34-1049 |
| MARSEILLES TELEPHONE COMPANY | Study Area 34-1050 |
| MCDONOUGH TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE | Study Area 34-1047 |
| MCNABB TELEPHONE CO. | Study Area 34-1048 |
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| METAMORA TELEPHONE COMPANY | Study Area 34-1053 |
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| MID-CENTURY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE | Study Area 34-1054 |
| MONTROSE MUTUAL TEL. CO. | Study Area 34-1058 |
| MOULTRIE INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY | Study Area 34-1060 |
| NEW WINDSOR TELEPHONE COMPANY | Study Area 34-1062 |
| ONEIDA NETWORK SERVICES, INC. | Study Area 34-9001 |
| ONEIDA TELEPHONE EXCHANGE | Study Area 34-1066 |
| OTE COMMUNICATIONS (ODIN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE) | Study Area 34-1065 |
| REYNOLDS TELEPHONE CO. | Study Area 34-1075 |
| SHARON TELEPHONE CO. | Study Area 33-0946 |
| SHAWNEE TELEPHONE COMPANY | Study Area 34-1025 |
| STELLE TELEPHONE CO. | Study Area 34-1092 |
| TONICA TELEPHONE COMPANY | Study Area 34-1086 |
| USCOC OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS, LLC | Study Area 34-9007 |
| USCOC OF ILLINOIS RSA #1, LLC | Study Area 34-9007 |
| USCOC OF ILLINOIS RSA #4, LLC | Study Area 34-9007 |
| USCOC OF ROCKFORD, LLC | Study Area 34-9007 |
| VIOLA HOME TELEPHONE CO. | Study Area 34-1087 |
| WABASH TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. | Study Area 34-1088 |
| WOODHULL COMMUNITY TELEPHONE CO. | Study Area 34-1091 |
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PLEASE NOTE THAT NO ILLINOIS <u>NON-RURAL</u> CARRIERS RECEIVE HIGH COST SUPPORT FOR WHICH STATE COMMISSION CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED.

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Frontier Communications of the Carolinas, Inc., is the corporate successor to Verizon South Inc. The Illinois Commerce Commission approved the transfer of Verizon South's Illinois exchanges to Frontier in its *Order*, Frontier Communications Corporation. Verizon Communications, Inc., Verizon North Inc., Verizon South Inc., and New Communications of the Carolinas. Inc.: Joint Application for the approval of a Reorganization pursuant to Section 7-204 of the Public Utilities Act; the Issuance of Certificates of Exchange Service Authority pursuant to Section 13-405 to New Communications of the Carolinas, Inc.; the Discontinuance of Service for Verizon South Inc. pursuant to Section 13-406; the Issuance of an Order Approving Designation of New Communications of the Carolinas, Inc. as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Covering the Service Area Consisting of the Exchanges to be Acquired from Verizon South Inc. upon the Closing of the Proposed Transaction and the Granting of All Other Necessary and Appropriate Retief, ICC Docket 09-0268 (April 21, 2010). The transaction was approved by the FCC in its Memorandum Opinion and Order, In the Matter of Applications Filed by Frontier Communications Corporation and Verizon Communications Inc. for Assignment or Transfer of Control, FCC No. 10-97; WC Docket No. 09-95 (Adopted: May 21, 2010).

[&]quot;Illinois Valley Cellular RSA 2-I Partnership merged with Illinois Valley Cellular RSA 2-III Partnership with Illinois Valley Cellular RSA 2-I Partnership being the sole entity surviving the merger. See Order at 3, Illinois Valley Cellular RSA 2-I Partnership / Illinois Valley Cellular RSA 2-II / Partnership / Illinois Valley Cellular RSA 2-III Partnership: Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for Purposes of Receiving Federal Universal Service Support pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, ICC Docket No. 09-0353 (December 2, 2009).